GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department – A.P Fire Services – Appeal petition of Sri K.P. Venkata Ramana, Ex-Station Fire Officer, Kodumur Fire Station against the punishment of Compulsory Retirement – Appeal Petition allowed – Punishment modified – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.238 **Dated: 26.02.2024**

Read the following:

1. Proceedings of Regional Fire Officer, Southern Region, Vijayawada, Rc. No.80/RFO/SR/2020, Dated: 09.03.2021 published in A.P. Gazette Notification Part-II with W.No. 16, G. 37, dated: 23-04-2021.
2. Appeal Petition of Sri K.P. Venkata Ramana, Station Fire Officer (Removal from Service) dated:05.05.2021, 30.06.2021, 15.11.2021, 13.07.2022 & 13.04.2023., to the Director General, State Disaster Response & Fire Services, A.P., Vijayawada.
3. Proceedings of Director General, State Disaster Response & Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Rc.No.1987/Estb/ 2020, Dated: 21.08.2023.
4. Appeal Petition of Sri K.P.Venkataramana, Ex. Station Fire Officer, Kodumuru Fire Station of Kurnool District, Dated.Nill.
5. Govt. Memo No.2277548/P&F/A1/2023 ,Dated:24.11.2023.
6. From the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Service Department, Andhra Pradesh, letter No: Rc.No.1987/ Estb/2020, dated: 22.01.2024

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Regional Fire Officer, Southern Region, Vijayawada awarded the punishment of "Removal from Service" from the date of receipt of the order and the Suspension period from 06-02-2020 to 17-09-2020 i.e., 224 days was regularized as "Not on Duty" but by taking humanitarian grounds and keeping his family future, he was consider for Compassionate Allowance of 2/3 rd of eligible "Gratuity and Pension" as per Rule 40 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri K.P. Venkata Ramana, Ex-Station Fire Officer, Kodumur Fire Station for his misconduct and deliberate violations, carelessly disobeying the higher Authority orders, willfully threatening the higher officer and challenging not to attend the VVIP Protection duty as Fire Officer.

2. In the reference 2nd read above Sri K.P. Venkata Ramana, Ex-Station Fire Officer, Kodumur Fire Station submitted appeal petition to the Director General, State Disaster Response & Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh to set aside the punishment awarded to him. In the reference 3rd read above the Director General, State Disaster Response & Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh modified the punishment orders issued in the reference 1st read above by the Regional Fire Officer, Southern Region to that of "Compulsory retirement" w.e.f 23.04.2021 i.e the date of Gazette published in A.P. Gazette Notification Part-II with W.No.16, G.37., and the period of suspension from 06.02.2020 to 17.09.2020 for 224 days was regularized as eligible leave.

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3. In the reference 4th read above, Sri K.P. Venkata Ramana, Ex-Station Fire Officer, Kodumur Fire Station submitted appeal petition before the Government and requested to set aside the modified punishment awarded to him by the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh in the reference 3rd read above.

4. Government after careful examination of the entire matter in detail, keeping in view of the records/material made available and duly taking into consideration the grounds putforth in the appeal petition, decide to modify the orders of "Compulsory retirement w.e.f 23.04.2021 i.e the date of Gazette published in A.P. Gazette Notification Part-II with W.No.16, G.37., and the period of suspension from 06.02.2020 to 17.09.2020 for 224 days will be regularized as eligible leave" imposed by the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh in the reference 3rd read above.

5. Accordingly, the Appeal Petition of Sri K.P. Venkata Ramana, Ex-Station Fire Officer, Kodumur Fire Station is allowed and the punishment of "Compulsory retirement w.e.f 23.04.2021 i.e the date of Gazette published in A.P. Gazette Notification Part-II with W.No.16, G.37., and the period of suspension from 06.02.2020 to 17.09.2020 for 224 days will be regularized as eligible leave" imposed earlier in the reference 3rd read above, is modified to that of "Reinstate him into service by awarding RTSP 2 stages for 2 years with effect and the suspension and out of employment period shall be treated as not on duty, as a final opportunity.

6. The Director General, State Disaster Response & Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

HARISH KUMAR GUPTA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, State Disaster Response & Fire Services,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The individual concerned through the D.G State Disaster Response & Fire Services,
Andhra Pradesh.

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